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a connector arrangement adapted to receive a contact plug of an electrode lead, said connector arrangement comprising a tubular member disposed inside said housing and having a first end and a second end opposite said first end, said first end of said tubular member being attached, by an attachment selected from the group consisting of a weld and bond, to an opening in a wall of said housing, and said second end of said tubular member being closed;

said tubular member being formed by a tube comprised of a metal attachable to said metal housing by said attachment, said tube having a length and being structurally intact along an entirety of said length;

a plurality of interior elements adapted for mechanical and electrical contact with said contact plug; and

11. A pacer housing as claimed in claim 10 wherein said insulating plug closes said second end of said tubular member with said insulating plug fitting into said tube, and wherein said plug is comprised of ceramic material and is attached to said tube by an attachment technique selected from the group consisting of soldering and bonding.

12. A pacer housing as claimed in claim 11 wherein said housing enclosure has a housing interior, and further comprising a metallic tubular

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16. A pacemaker housing as claimed in claim 15 wherein said contact ring comprises a metal ring attached to said ceramic plug by an attachment technique selected from molding and bonding, and wherein said ceramic plug has an exterior with an opening therein in registration with said lateral opening in said metal tube allowing access to said ring from an exterior of said tube.

17. 18. A pacemaker housing as claimed in claim 17 wherein said metal ring has an interior that is free of said ceramic forming a peripheral groove in an interior of said ring allowing access to said ring from said interior of said metal tube.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend each of Figures 1, 2 and 5 as shown on the drawing copies marked in red attached to the Request for Approval of Drawing Changes filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the Abstract on separately numbered page 16 attached hereto.